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Well, here we are up to issue number, ummm Vol two something. It should be listed accurately next issue anyway. It was difficult getting this out on time (which we didn't), due to a number of factors beyond our control. We are doing another free mail out of the combined anarchist mailing list, please send your name and address or that of other interested parties and groups to the media room for inclusion. The extended mailout accounts for us increasing the circulation by 100%, but this will be for one issue only (to be repeated occasionally), so if you received this by mail, and would like to keep doing so, please send a cheque/ moneyorder, of at least $5.00, made out to either Black rose or Jura, and they'll pass it on to the next editorial collective, who will keep a record of costs, accounts etc. You will probably note that we are gradually adjusting to technology, and are attempting to make this as readable/accessible as possible. Enlarged copies are available (for those with reading difficulties), by subscription, but these will be for free. We really need more feed back on how we are doing. Suggestions for information include (but are not limited to) : content relevancy and interest (ex: is this the most appropriate

an Open Letter to Sydney Anarchists and Like minded people

Well this letter may not go down very well with some anarchists as one of the trends amongst anarchists in Sydney is to emphasise the new, along with the progress we're making, while at the same time ignoring the many problems we also have that need confronting. I am not trying to point my finger at any one individual or group through this article, rather I am aiming to make some general criticisms which I believe all anarchists should take a look at and think about.

There is little or no push within the anarchist movement towards recruiting new people. Consequently, outsiders see little encouragement to become involved. If new people don't get involved we will become obsolete. We also become irrelevant to any up and coming radicals and revolutionaries. I believe that part of the problem here is that many anarchists have an anti-lefty mentality which, for some reasons, means that they must act in completely the opposite way and rely on people just dropping by out of interest. Recruiting needn't be high pressure tactics but can simply be a conscious act of 'spreading the word' with a view to encouraging people who are not involved to become involved in anarchist action and organisation

Another idea is that many anarchists hold: that change will come from anarchists and anarchist groups. I believe this to be a big mistake as change has always come from the mass of people: the working class and their middle class allies. In any movement for social change those anarchists that activist-oriented will make up a militant section of that movement. So let's not kid ourselves, we can't change jack shit on our own, isolated from the community at large. We must reach out to others - always - because we have as much to learn from the working class as they have from us.

And again: that somehow our counter-culture will permeate society in large sections and she'll be right mate. I see a counter culture as having a vital role in establishing rebellious elements and ultimately autonomous zones in the wider community. It's important here to realise that a counter-counter cannot sustain itself, it must be sustained by those who want and need it. However, if building a counter-culture is nothing more than life-styling, that is politics without activism, it's destined to become next years fashion and ought to be dead and buried.

To bring people over to revolutionary ideas basic propaganda work needs to be done. This means dirty work like paste-ups for example. If you're serious about our movement and want to see numbers grow you'll have to take on the not so nice jobs as well as the nicer ones. Our ideas and methods of action are not on display for the wider community to scrutinise and need to be if we really want to share our views, hopes, dreams, fun, work and whatever else may spring to mind. Few people come looking for revolutionary ideas - you have to take revolutionary ideas to them.

More discussion and debate between ourselves on what we think and why we think it will push us to a better understanding of why we do what we do. Cutting across the borders that the Black Rose/Jura split created, we have been able to come together to organise a particular event or action. But because we often haven't done

any talking about what we think and why we think it some of our actions have fallen apart at the seams. Take last year's squatting actions: we packed it in after two weeks. Our group fell apart for two reasons: a lack of commitment to a long term campaign and a lack of common thinking (theoretical unity).

Our movement lacks the funds to stand on its own two feet. The various projects being run by anarchists (with the exception of Jura Books) are poorly financed and this shows - in what we offer and what we produce. We need methods to finance our operations and this means new ideas and individuals with enthusiasm for carrying them out. There ARE more ways to make some money than benefit gigs and donations. Not that these methods are useless but they do not completely fill their purpose. We are still short of hard cash.

We need more thought behind our actions and more open debate (formal or informal), not just blind.

Fuck dropping out, it's time to start dropping in.

Keith

All of this is meant as a contribution to political thought and action amongst anarchists in Sydney. It's not meant as a denunciation, on the contrary, it's subjective analysis. In overall terms: I am part of what I criticise.

The politics of food, steps towards being effective, and food co-ops.

This article is about many things, I don't have the space to deal with them all, let alone effectively. Yet it touches on some of the most important and intimate aspects of our lives, and how large companies are invading and colonising them; the land of indigenous, and disenfranchised people; ecological systems and sustain ability of life that is a part of these complex inter-dependent systems. I encourage you all to inform yourselves more about all these issues from the large range of material available, but most importantly of all, to get involved in the sourcing and production of your own food.

Recycling is a load of shit, one of the best ways that capitalism has tried to defuse the environmental time bomb (or is that dam the floods of change), that threaten to dethrone them[1]. Re-use is one way of taking it a step further, it is not the final answer by any means, but a significant step in the right direction. We still have to deal with the problems associated with poor land use and distribution, here and in the mal-developed parts of the world that continually lead to unemployment (deadly in some countries-even by U.S. supplied machine guns[2]), and a host of other ills, that strangely enough always seem to make the rich richer, poor poorer, and everyone else generally more reliant on their filthy system.

[1] this is evident in the total lack of compost collection services, and massive focus on one use containers that are then recycled for another single use.

[2] again see E.S. Herman's work The Real Terror Network, And the classic Susan George books, the latest of which was condensed and put into a highly accessible cartoon format, by the sometimes limp New Internationalist. See the black Rose library as usual, hell even buy a copy!

Come along to Alfalfa Haus, and see what we are doing to (organically) fertilise the seeds and winds of change. Sure some of the stuff comes from places like Chile, and other sub-fascist states, but we are constantly trying to source new growers and suppliers that can bring us foods that are organically grown and processed, as locally as possible: especially if collectives, co-ops, small holders etc. are involved at every step of the process. We now make calico bags in a variety of sizes. Almost all your food can now be supplied by the co-op, and although it is not strictly anarchist, it is very friendly and compatible with our ideas. The more anarchists take part, the more anarchist it will be. Important too is the fact that it is an actual manifestation of workable models of community food distribution and empowerment. A way of participating and putting into effect ideas, instead of pretending to be "P.C"(a huge joke if ever there was one[1]),by just waffling on and saying really radical things.

It's not that difficult to join and you need not have loads of time to spare, which many of you have heaps of anyway. So come along, the co-op is open Tues. to Sat. now and needs active MEMBERS, not merely shoppers, but members. Stop being a spectator on your own lives, and regain control in an important way . I hope to see you there. Nick, one of the many weekly co-ordinators. Call us on 519-3374,or pop in.

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[1]as an aside , the term politically correct was originally used by Fascists to make fun of the lack of autonomy in authoritarian socialist circles, a strength for fascists but logical inconsistency for revolutionaries. I believe that this is still evident in modern social engineering with the issue selection and narrowing that goes on today, where we even hear politicians talking of the politically correct thing to do, as if doing something because opinion makers say it's important is more appropriate than extending anarchist principles to an issue and deciding for ourselves the most reasonable and informed stance and action. It is used to end debate and enforce conformity to a party line by self appointed experts.

This is the first report of Coalition Against police Violence Sydney cell (sic). So far I am the only member. I will be focusing on a number of aspects of police violence as it manifests in our society, wider in scope than the other cells, yet still appropriate in my view. I am maintaining the original name out of respect to the founders (Melb. cell). The tremendous effort and courage it took them in the light to save Shannon Ewart from the viscous corruption and abuse of state power that manifested in her bashing/torture at the hands of a large number of police from Sth Melbourne police stn. in 1991, the subsequent legal farce that imprisoned her and the complicity of the media- during the bashing and her appeal. I will also maintain the name because I will be working closely with the other groups and thus will still be a member of this loose collection of groups and individuals that go into making up the coalition.

I am working on the principle that "police" is any act or manifestation of coercion, that seeks to and/or achieves the submission and obedience of individuals to a hierarchical society, whether it be a family, ideological system, or the forms we are more used to thinking of as "police". Remember the classic graffiti of May '68? "There is a cop inside everyone of us and he must be killed". As a philosophical pacifist, I do not mean this in the literal sense. Not as a tactic of revolution to be used against all manifestations of violence most commonly manifested in spouses, fathers and those eternal bogies (sometimes called "material enemies of the people" by anarchists and others). What I do mean is that we should seek to remove that "copness inside all of us that stops us from living in a free society, so that there is no place for cops in uniforms, be they blue shirted, or collared.

I do not support terrorism, (retail or wholesale.[1] I.), guerilaism, or any other vangaurdist violence. The only forms I would even contemplate supporting, let alone participating in, is widespread insurrection, which requires widespread participation and support of the great mass of down-trodden and oppressed. For further details see the excellent pamphlets "You can't blow up a social relationship: the Anarchist case against terrorism." and a number of other pamphlets and books in the Black Rose library. My writings will hopefully appear in a variety of anarchist and non-anarchist publications, consisting of theory, facts, accounts of police violence, calls for help (people are always more welcome than their money, but it's better than nothing!),and rumours of proposed and alleged defiance to this system of violence and oppression that is self-perpetuating and self-serving.

My first proposed action was to be a commemoration of the massacre at Carandeni (22.), the largest penitentiary in South America, Brazil. It occurred on October the second nineteen-ninety two, most of the inmates were not even sentenced yet. It is a classic example of state terror and I fear that these types of oppressions will become more common as the masks of our Imperialist overlords are exposed; as we show them for the callous murders in pursuit of profits that they are. The more we know, the less valuable to the propaganda system is our safety and individual sovereignty. I learnt of this in all places in a song by Brazilian hardcore band SEPULTURA, I highly reccomed them. I hope that in talking of this, that I do not appropriate the suffering of these defenceless victims of violence unleashed. Their bodies were not even spared the indignity of a mauling by police dogs. I believe that it is essential to draw the links between the increased use of military forces in civilian roles, and the blurring of civilin police with the military. This case demonstrates it unquestionably (unless you happen to be a state propagandist). This is bloody scarey and affects us all, as the globalisation of Imperial power escalates. Even with the blinding arrogance of the American regime and it's client states , we must not however fall into the trap of focusing on the spectacular if it distracts us from pressing issues closer to home, as the recent trip to Bougainville of some of our brave comrades attests, or even closer yet paradoxically less cared about seemingly, genocide of australia's indiginous people. Remember. Solidarity=Survival. Please contact me via Black Rose to get involved.

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[1] for more info see The Real Terror Network, by E. S. Herman, an excellent and thoroughly academic (yet readable) work on state sanctioned and funded terror, particularly by the U.S. in Sth America, a playground for fascists if ever there was one. It is available in the Black Rose library.

[22] Unfortunately I was not able to come up with an appropriate action or commemoration in time to advertise it sufficiently, so a private commemoration was held. Next year however a real stinker will be organised months ahead. This crime should not be forgotten.

Ransom Note

We have kidnapped your peace of mind and complacency, and will not return them at any price.

Unless you pay the ransom:

your utmost dedication to making the world free from bigotry and oppression of all sorts.

Don't go to the police, politicians, or mainstream media for help.

BLACK ROSE REPORT.

Welcome to the spring spiel. Much has been going on since I last wrote. The major order we have been waiting on from our major supplier of anarchist texts has not come (ordered a year ago now!) This has caused us considerable hardship in filling orders and so on, but good news is that we are now sure that it isn't somewhere in the middle of the ocean, allowing us to place the order, now out of date, with someone else. so the shop shelves wont be so embarrassingly empty. We are developing a better ordering structure, both for ourselves, and in partnership (not in the legal sense though) with the other Anarchist Bookshops, most notably Holus Bolus who we will be doing two joint orders with by the end of the year., for these we may need people who are trustworthy and reliable to courier them from them to us, and vice-versa, when the stock arrives (that's if you happen to be travelling between cities at the time, please contact us if you think you can help.)

We hope to be fixing set dates or close enough, for our benefits in future, four gigs a year, with at least one falling on the shop's birthday, which has not happened this year. Our calculations show that this would cover any loss due to overheads; please participate if you can:- cooking, setting/packing up, poster design and runs- you name it, it needs to be done, and we sure could use the occasional hand, but sometimes it's really hard to ask, I know that I find it easier, when people offer, but then I am a shy bastard. Apart from gigs it would be nice to have dinners (monthly/quarterly?) again, but we would have to know that the effort was worth it, I know that I'd like them to raise at least $60 a go to be bothered cooking, when I could hang out with my friends instead. They are a great way to meet anarchists, and other less labelled creatures that we might not know very well, if at all; as contributing to the spectacle as it might sound, a film (or a talk perhaps?), is a great focus for calm debate, or to make it through those silent bits in conversation that can be a bit dull, but enough of that (for now), if the idea interests you let us know, because we do miss the dinners, and would love to do them again, if they were supported.

I am also starting a few fund raising initiatives of my own; first off is a raffle, with tickets at one dollar each. The prize is a gift voucher for fifty dollars to be spent here, basically we'll divide the money in half, for the shop and the prizes, so that's a one in a hundred chance. If you think that we should divvy it up differently, let us know, as this will basically be an ongoing venture, so far about thirty tickets have ben sold.

We are still offering a mail drop service for groups and some individuals, so long as nothing dodgy is sent to the shop. We will charge about $10.00/year (except for anarchist projects), compared to the $30 odd that oz post charges.

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We need some postal tubes, or other good devices to store the shop poster stock in. This would prevent it from being damaged, as the last lot were soiled in the fire and have not been adequately replaced. Something that keeps them flat and doesn't take up much shop space would be ideal.

Tony has kindly designed a new Black Rose screen print, which will be available soon, if you would like to do something like this, we are able to provide materials, so that you are not out of pocket.

We really want Black Rose to be more of a community centre of sorts (on my part, I will try to bring in some cakes to share-for a small donation, to help achieve this goal). This would help justify the expense of having a shopfront more. Since anarchism is about communities taking control, and creating autonomous zones (as a process of revolution), why not participate in organising more action and activity here (since there definitely aren't enough going on)? Some days, it seems that all we are doing, is allowing people to consume more by working for free, which seems especially gross as the stuff we provide will hopefully bring about a sustainable anti-consumption society. This is just honest opinion and not a pathetic whinge.

Further on that note, an idea I've been mulling over is to start running an Anarchist university/school/education zone (or whatever you want to call it) at the shop. We have all the resources we need right here. An ever expanding library, a computer (spare modem anyone?), and so on. It's something the socialists have been doing for years, and it's a really good way of sharing our resources, knowledge and motivation, and most important of all - getting back to the oral tradition that was so much a part of the anarchist movement in the past- definitely a lot less elitist and alienating than a pile of books. It wouldn't be anything formal, (in the sense of hierarchy). We all have gifts and knowledge that is valuable. It could be regular. I am willing to participate every week on my shifts, and even for an hour or two before or afterwards

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we have been doing a lot more business with Spiral Objective; this has been very successful, and we are well on the way to having an excellent and efficient system going. So stop buying your records at other places, if the only thing they care about is your money, then why give it to them? We may not always be as fast, but that's because we are a collective and amateurs at that (even with almost three years under our belts on average). Oh yeah we now pretty much deal with him exclusively for American stuff, and if we can't get the stuff from him there is a good chance that the band or label is a sell-out scum one! So don't bother getting it at Moneyfront, or their Max R'n'R, check out the price difference, $3.45, compared to about $6-$9, that can't be only wages and overheads! Anyway enough of that. continued page #

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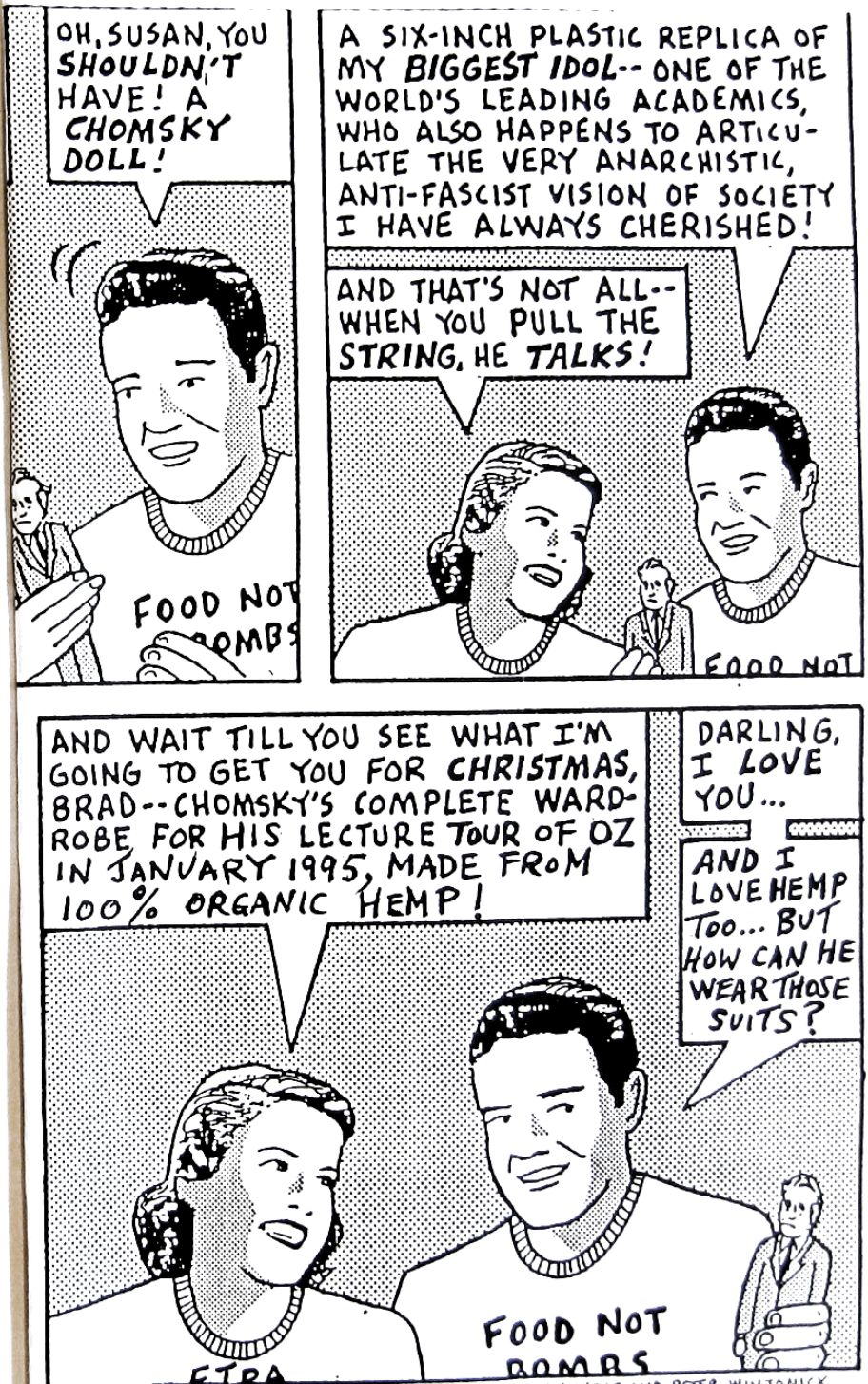
We've got some excellent new feminist stuff, so if that's your kettle of vegan burgers come in and check it out. We also have a range of excellent anarchist periodicals, which I believe are an effective way of educating ourselves and finding out what's going on around the world , both as inspiration for things to do, and to keep track of the world empires. Most of all I recommend Off Our backs, Fifth Estate and The Shadow from the U.S @.; Freedom, Bad Attitude and Workers Solidarity, from the U.K. I want to get proper subs going for them (ie: pay 6-12 months up front, so that we can afford to stock them).Most are $2 a quarter, plus Phone/post (.40 & .90 respectively). We've had to drop freedom as it wasn't selling, we'd need about 5- 10 people to make it worth while, for between $50 &$60 a year each. That is the oldest @ paper in the world and for damn good reason, it comes fortnightly, is about ten broadsheet pages, packed full of comment news and more.

We regret that the shop is now unable to open on Mondays once more, due to lack of collective members. The shop however , remains open pretty much without fail Tuesday to Friday 11am to 6pm and 12pm to 5pm on Saturdays. That's all for the Black Rose report. I hope that you find the information relevant (please tell me if otherwise), as I've sat up al night to meet the deadline..... now to the library report (which was to be a separate article but the other ran over space restrictions).

The library is now partially shelved, and in use. The borrowing system has been fairly random, but all the books bar one have been returned (dear Motorist, an excellent pamphlet). People haven't seemed to minded paying the deposit, generally the price of the item plus $5-$10 , reducing as they become known to me. No-one has as yet made a donation for the privilege of borrowing, stock expansion, wear and tear. Two books were sold, one by accident and one because the shop was out of stock and it is easily replaced. These aren't problems yet , so the project will continue as it is. range of books is excellent, in quality, size and variety, including practical stuff like the permaculture handbook, which is in the Alfalfa House library. I am still in need of a set of shelves so that the library does not get confused with shop stock; to make it easy on the collective members less familiar with the overall contents of the shop and to preserve the library as a collection. Come in and check it out , preferably on a day that I'm working; ring first as our roster is generally up to a week in advance.) see you 'round. nick of the Black rose.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A SIX-INCH PLASTIC REPLICA OF MY BIGGEST IDOL-- ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING ACADEMICS, WHO ALSO HAPPENS TO ARTICULATE THE VERY ANARCHISTIC, ANTI-FASCIST VISION OF SOCIETY I HAVE ALWAYS CHERISHED!
AND THAT'S NOT ALL-- WHEN YOU PULL THE STRING, HE TALKS!
FOOD NOT
FOOD NOT
AND WAIT TILL YOU SEE WHAT I'M GOING TO GET YOU FOR CHRISTMAS, BRAD-- CHOMSKY'S COMPLETE WARDROBE FOR HIS LECTURE TOUR OF OZ IN JANUARY 1995, MADE FROM 100% ORGANIC HEMP!
DARLING, I LOVE YOU...
AND I LOVE HEMP TOO... BUT HOW CAN HE WEAR THOSE SUITS?
ETRA
FOOD NOT BOMBS

with thanks, and apologies to TOM TOMORROW...

ON BOOK TO THE FILM MANUFACTURING CONSENT BY MARK ACHBAR AND PETER WINTONICK

VISIONS OF FREEDOM

Anarchist conference and festival
Sydney January 20 - 22 1995
UNSW Kensington

After a few months of trying to confirm some dates, find a venue and network with other groups and individuals we have now confirmed the dates and probably the venue. The organising collective is asking for people to become involved by running workshops, organising meetings and discussions, showing films or videos, performances, music and more. We hope to attract people both anarchist and not, from throughout OZ and overseas- who believe in freedom, equality and solidarity and wish to explore their Visions of freedom!

This is what the organising collective have come up with so far, we are hoping that now that some dates have been confirmed we will get some more feedback from people (that's YOU) about other events, meetings, workshops that will be happening. So write to us, come to the next meeting, talk to other people who you think might be interested and let the organising collective know about any way you'd like to be involved.

SATURDAY MORNING: LOOKING AT LIFE AND SOCIETY, HOW DID WE GET HERE, WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO?
General plenary meeting with probably 4 to 6 speakers and general open discussion, critical appraisal of anarchy, possibilities for change in Australia.
Parallel session: Anarchy syndicalism and the idea of class.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON: HOW DO WE GET WHERE WE WANT TO GO? IDEAS FOR CHANGING THE WORLD AND CULTIVATING ANARCHY. *Parallel sessions including:*

* *Discussion on intellectuality and free speech.*
* *Workshop on anarchy and feminism.*
* *Workshop and discussion on anarchy and ecology.*
* *Discussion on workplace , community , lifestyle , alternative structures.*
* *Talk - Anarchism or barbarism: structure, hierarchy and chaos.*
* *Panel and discussion on self-determination and anti-imperialism.*
* *Anarcho-syndicalism and privatisation.*
* *Talk and discussion about privatisation in Australia Post.*

SATURDAY EVENING: *Talk by guest speaker Noam Chomsky, Anarchy and visions of Freedom, with questions and discussion.*

SUNDAY: WORKING TOGETHER, ORGANISATION, GROWING OUR CULTURE AND DEFENDING IT.

Parallel sessions including-

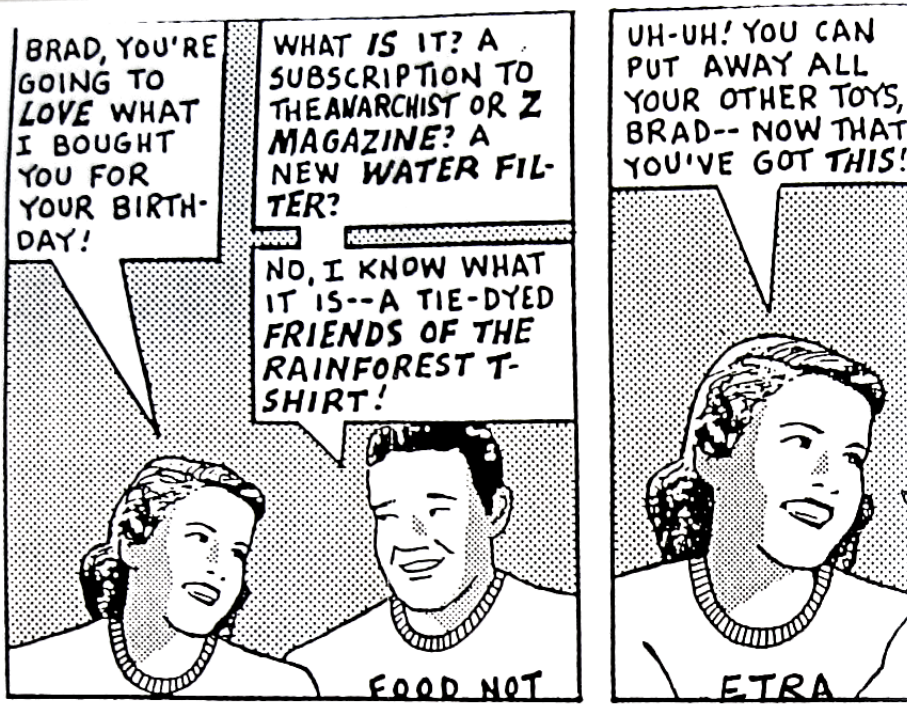
* *Workshop on anarchist organisation.*
* *Workshop on anarchist book shops/ stalls/ info distribution.*
* *Discussion on anarchy and social control.*
* *Anarcho-syndicalism in Australia, strategy and organisation.*
* *Workshop on networking , creating sustainable cultures.*
* *Videos on Victorian Tram dispute 1990, and Vic Nurses strike 1986.*
* *Workshop on confederation of anarchist groups.*
* *Workshop on building networks & contacts for common campaigns*
* *Workshop on anarchy and technology.*
* *Workshop on anarchist magazines, radio, tv, computer networks*
* *Discussion about HEMP campaign.*
* *Plenary session.*

This is what we have so far, not including other events such as gigs, music, performance and hopefully more films and videos. We would like to be basically a co-ordinating group who will try and organise the venue and any equipment needed, so if you have some ideas on a workshop, or films and videos, want to talk about something or hear what others have to say, let us know. There will hopefully be at least one space available for meetings and workshops that are organised on the day or the day before.

We are also looking at providing lunch on Sat and Sun, plus an evening meal on Saturday, possibly as a benefit to other groups. There are no confirmed evening events as yet, apart from the Chomsky talk, so we would like to hear from anyone who is interested in organising anything such as gigs, parties, performance, exhibitions etc.

Other ideas for workshops include Gender, Sexuality, Education, Drugs, Direct action, Culture, information about any current campaigns or issues, Housing (squatting?) etc.

The organising collective will meet next on Thurs Nov 17rd, 6.30 at 110 Crystal St Petersham 2049, ph (02) 550 9931. Then every second thursday at the same time and place. Correspondence can be sent to this address. Hope to hear from you soon.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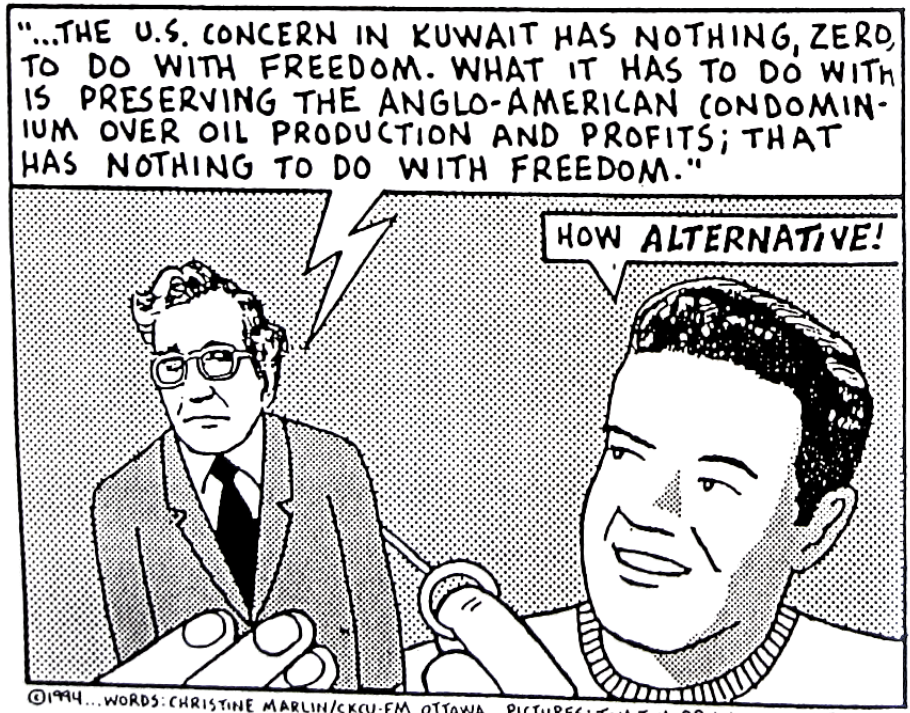
WHAT IS IT? A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE ANARCHIST OR Z MAGAZINE? A NEW WATER FILTER?
NO, I KNOW WHAT IT IS--A TIE-DYED FRIENDS OF THE RAINFOREST T-SHIRT!
FOOD NOT
UH-UH! YOU CAN PUT AWAY ALL YOUR OTHER TOYS, BRAD-- NOW THAT YOU'VE GOT THIS!
ETRA


"...THE U.S. CONCERN IN KUWAIT HAS NOTHING, ZERO, TO DO WITH FREEDOM. WHAT IT HAS TO DO WITH IS PRESERVING THE ANGLO-AMERICAN CONDOMINIUM OVER OIL PRODUCTION AND PROFITS; THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH FREEDOM."
HOW ALTERNATIVE!

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present: Suzanne, Kathy, Terry, Will, John @, Peter Mc, Chuck, Doug, Phil, Brenten, Paul, David, Nick, Peter Mc(!!), Agro, Anne-Marie, Haron, John J, Darcy, Ruth. facilitator: Suzanne. Minutes: Nick.

Agenda: Garage Sale, Graffiti, Conference, Open Letter, Discussion Groups, Media Room, Uranium Policy, Next Pow-wow, Intros from Out of State Groups, Aboriginal Deaths In Custody Rally.

Intros: *included exchange on how to fill radio programs that are @ist. Much info is forwarded from around Australia from various groups & contacts.
*not much cohesiveness or unity, fragmentation of movement a real problem.
*Melb. still has the @ press [po box 1052, Preston , 3072], prices to be forwarded sooon, open to all. Different rates apply on merit ie: non-@ist/@ist
*set-up of Brizzie @BC- see later discussion.
*Brisburg @ paper will be produced Quarterly (initially). po box 558, Sth Brisbane, 4101- also 4ZZZ,and general @ contacts.[this paper is now out, over 5000?, copies printed , distro. is free, available BR@B and Jura, donations needed to cover the printing cost approx $600; it's quite interesting. ed.]

Garage Sale: *Has been a successful project for the media room, raising many hundreds of dollars for not too much effort, (not too little either!).
*This will be an ongoing project, currently stored at Black Rose(new home needed soon), available to @ groups/collectives, more donations would be good-no junk please.
*This would be a good way of financing new collectives; ex much talked about Cafes, and HEMP clothing project; however it currently remains under the control of the Pow-wow meetings to avoid abuse of this resource.

Graffitti: *This is the 2hr program once per month on 2RSR, 88.9fm, it needs more volunteers and source material.
*suggestions included networking with other @ and related radio progs. to swap info and actual recordings, getting our hands on the Barsiaman interviews (Chomsky, and other radicals/activists from U.S.).

Newsletter: collective volunteers; debate on content ensues!

Conference: see else where, to participate and for some of the outcomes. Speculation, over the initial availability of Chomsky as a guest speaker, possibly due to his sponsors wanting to distance him from @ism, as too unrespectable, a pity really when one considers the struggles that @ists have been involved with over the last century and more, the costs paid etc. the bourgeois press have been very effective [I feel that too many @ists succumb to these fabrications as well, confusing bourgeois tendencies with blah blah ad in finitum; see the new library up and running at BR@B for more info. eds.]

Open Letter: Agro wrote a letter to stir us up. General discussion not recorded, letter reprinted in the letters column; however the poorly patronised Discussion Groups seem to be an excellent vehicle to solve some of these problems- and also help keep the Pow-wows as a planning/co-ordination group by satisfying the ever distracting ideological debates that seem to pop up here.

Break: 15 mins approx. [Oh yeah lunch was cheap-donation only, and very tasty; however more effort will be put in next time to reduce the plastic content and increase the amount of organic foods etc]

Media Room & related: * It's all set up and running now, a printer has been purchased with a scanner, modem, dedicated phone line, and internet(or whatever it's called) on the way.
*meetings are currently fortnightly or so- call 564 6413 for details and updates on what's happening (recorded info)
*access restricted currently for obvious security reasons (security is top notch at the premises however, being the Jura building), to persons in the collective or otherwise known; we hope to eventually extend services once more reliable people become available to staff the room.)
*Melb. has public access bulletin board open for 1 1/2 years, under-utilised. Attempts are being made to set up a continual @ Bulletin-board network (@BBS). A 'dedicated' @ network, Aust. wide is on the cards, we have the software, lacking in some knowledge with only the Media Room currently having decent hardware for this of the mentioned @ sites. Ideally they would

be able to offer in shop access to e-mail communications and data bases/networks around the world fairly cheaply. [Very exciting but little progress since in the tech shy/ignorant/marginalised @ milieu. More details in The Anarchist from Brisbane. eds.]

Uranium Policy: *should we give a voice that uranium should not be mined at all, as the issue was coming up at the next Labour(ing- and corrupt as hell too!)conference in early October, to either keep the current 3 mines policy, or allow the cappo scum to endanger us even more by lifting the restriction. Not much was done in the end publicly. General opinion was that we would be ineffective, and that party/parliamentary politics is crap. However it was also stated that the 3 mines policy came in because of broad based grass roots action against all uranium in the first place [as the murals by the road in Glebe(?) attest. eds.], and not the concern or care of our rulers. [I also note that the campaigns organised by most other groups wimped out at calling only for the existing policy to be held, and not the closure of existing mines. ed]. Perhaps we should be getting involved more directly with these struggles in future, at the very least on a propaganda level, especially with other groups that don't have as firm or radical a stance as @ism should and generally has. The @age weekly & monthly, Rebel Worker, and @ngry People, all spring to mind as excellent platforms (with greater frequency and print space) for this, also greatly in need of patronage, contributors etc. A related issue that came up at the last Pow-wow was a piece of legislation that would greatly increase the TNC control of our food sources, through patents, and disallowing farmers to keep their own seed stock for replanting, forcing them to use input intensive (fertilisers, tractors, pesticides etc.), expensive, hybridised sterile seeds, possibly even genetically engineered stuff. This is the sort of thing going on behind our backs-not just in the U.S. and it's imperial fief. Anyway I've digressed....

Holus bolus: a short run down on how they are doing , including the source of their name, Greek for " everything at once, in it's entirety"

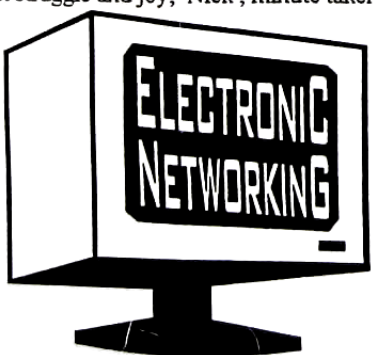
@BC: *Brisburg @ists are attempting to set up prisoners campaigns, and support group etc. with a continental focus (but also international) fax:(07)252 1950
*Have been a few @BC actions in Melb, picketing Greek airlines Etc over the imprisonment of @ists in Greece.
*Their will be a "group" in Sydney too, reports/info to be published here, and in other A publications, no new publication to be created- Sydney group will

overlap with a Sydney Coalition Against Police Violence (sort of started, then died last year.)These will be distinctly @ist, and revolutionary.

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Rally: Ruth brought a stack of leaflets to the meeting encouraging us to attend tis important event. I was going to reprint it in full but unfortunately gave mine to someone else, however I recorded some of the details in my diary:- John Pat died Sept. 28th 1983. Beaten by five off duty, drunk police officers in Roebourne, WA. He suffered TEN blows to the head and a large bruise on the back of his head where he had been kicked. As well he had two broken ribs and a torn aorta. He could not have survived these injuries without major surgery. An all white jury acquitted all five cops. There were fifty-seven witnesses. He had been trying to help his friends, as they were being attacked in full view of the largely black crowd. He was dragged to the police station after being punched and kicked, as he was unable to walk. I can't remember if he was beaten there again, but he was denied treatment, and all the others were bashed again in the station. To date not one cop has been sacked ,convicted, or jailed for these deaths in custody, let alone lynched. The indigenous people of Australia need our Solidarity in the face of this vicious, racist, genocidal culture that many of us have been vomited forth from. It is not enough to buy a t-shirt, or a badge. Solidarity is the only hope we all have in the struggle against this Patriarchal, Capitalist society.

Overall it was a successful Pow-wow, we seem to be gradually developing a frame-work for co-ordination of @ist collectives, that increases the accountability and effectiveness of them. This way we can get about the job(ha ha) of building a revolutionary movement, and leave behind the ineffectual clique status that the propaganda mill of State and Capital reduce us to much of the time. I hope to see at the next one, Sunday 11th December, 35 Dixon st. Newtown.

Yours in struggle and joy, Nick , minute taker Sept. '94 Powwow.



WINGHAM FOREST ACTION VERSUS PROFIT MAXIMISATION.
or CHAINSAW MASSACRE 2.

Court three, the Land and Enviroment Court, 398 George ST. on the left we have council, advisors and witnesses, thirteen in all, representing the Forestry Commission of N.S.W and the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Boral by proxy. These are the brown suit brigade, a particularly uninspiring group of men, who if anything just prove that cloning is alive and well. The saddest and most poignant fact being that they just 'do it' for money. If one has the money then the law is fallable. The Forestry Commission has retained, as senior council, a retired judge of the same court that we are sitting in. Ha, Ha, they laugh.

On the right we have the applicant, a noble, white, geriatric academic in need of a perm, his enterage, non qualified legal team and hangers on come advisors. Which in my less than noble experience includes an ex-concubine of Jim Cairns, quite a few ferals (human), the mother of WFA's self elected and would be barrister (doing a remarkable job (not the mother)) and a collection of dope growers who between them, no doubt, make far more from the forest in questionthan the Forestry Commission (Boral?) would ever dream of, and for that matter probably employ more people. The difference being that whilst Marihauna compliments the forest and turns it's users into greenies, logging, burning and clear felling have a somewhat detrimental effect on the trees and their inhabitants but does enable Boral to pay a dividend to it's shareholders.

The people (who care and live local to the war effort (conflict of interest)) versus big business as represented, of course, by the relevant state govt. bodies. The judge is confronted by anarchy and the old school. Thank the planet that he appears to be into the arts and have a sense of humour.

The case appears to revolve around the fact that in order to make a profit out of chopping down and sawing up one thousand year old trees, the Forestry Commission massacres rather a lot of endangered and soon to be endangered species. And in order that, unlike the rest of us, they do not face prosecution for this blood letting, the N.P.W.S have given them a seemingly unrestricted liscense to kill or take these irrelevant and bastard animals. Now one might ask oneself why the N.P.W.S is thus shooting itself in the furry foot. Political pressure resulting from business lobbying (in typical luxurious fashion) might have some bearing on this matter but is of course strenuously denied by these highly independant govt. bodies.

Of course, the people, the trees and the animals are witnessing the true purpose of the law. That being a body of the ruling classes and major owners

of the nations wealth setting up a prohibitively expensive system to maintain the status quo and maximise profit, at just about any social and enviromental cost. Surprise, surprise, the system appears to be working.

So readers, you can sleep in peace, the endangered species of the forest will live or be massacred on the basis of points of law and the admissability of evidence. And as the people, trees and animals are finding out, getting evidence past a n ex judge of the same court is no easy matter. Sadly I don't expect the premier to instruct the Forestry Commission to stand him down.

My furry friends, the few remaining trees and I are getting rather pissed off, and whilst the gun is a lousy debator, the bleeding heart liberal just sheds the last tear at the final brutality and takes out yet another bank loan. Still, we won't be here for much longer and then of course there will be no problem, or big trees. And the legal system will have worked again, for those that go to the 'right' parties. One gets the impression that for all but the trees and endangered animals in question it is just a joke.

Media Room News

The Media room is producing items already: some stuff in this mag etc. The PC has Windows NT, Word for windows, Pagemaker5 (DTP), CorelDraw4 & 100Megs + of clipart on it, and aiming for a CD-ROM soon, on loan.

We will have Internet Access in mid November, Address will probably be Medi@SystemX. apana.org.au, plus individuals ie Zaphod@SystemX.blah. blah. If you want an account please come to the meeting Nov9 7.30pm at the room or contact us. Cost is $10 waged, $5 unwaged for one years access. It won't be as flashy as some Internet providers but doesn't cost $5 per hour or $1500 per year. It will have Email and net news; hopefully Telnet and FTP later.

A bulletin board (BBS) is near completion, it will be connected to Melbourne & Brisbane & worldwide on a semi private network, as well as offline Internet for account holders. Need to sort phone sharing (maybe a fancy voice mail system) and change PC to power saving for 24 hour operation. Try dialling our number in mid / late Nov with a modem.

The Benefit nite was a great success, thanks to the hard workers + performers. It has enabled us to buy an Ink Jet printer, and well on the way to a fast modem / fax / voice mail thingy. Keep an eye out in December for more.

Contemplating putting a machine in Jura shop for either BBS access or full DTP & faxing, and assisting Black rose with something similar.

THE MEDIA ROOM

(Rear of) 110 Crystal St Petersham 2049

Ring for info + meeting times 5646413

The @BC, is a prisoners support group. Primarily for Anarchists, and other prisoners of conscience in continental Australia and throughout the world; although we support all prisoners of Capital, State and Patriarchy, wherever they may be.

We will be collecting the names of prisoners and if possible their families, along with case histories etc, and attempt to formulate strategies to support and aid them in their struggles. We will be forging links with other prisoners support groups, especially those closest to prisoners, and with hands on experience.

A bust fund will be set up (to put up bail for activists etc.), and various fund raising measures will be followed; initially this will consist of pirate benefit tapes , and we will be selling a die cast enamel badge of the symbol of the international Anarchist Black Cross, the raised clenched fist of solidarity, rising out of the top of a black cross. These are currently available at Black Rose, and other anarchist outlets, for around about $2.80, but we will offer this one at $10.00 (it is a donation after all), or whatever you can honestly afford, over the cost IE; $2.80 , plus .90C postage if necessary... but we only have so much energy and resources, so if there is not enough support for this aspect of our venture that money will go into general funds for the group's work.

Proposed strategies include:-

#lettersof support for the prisoners; non-political messages to encourage and revitalise hope.

books and literature to give greater access to education and help fight the soul destroying boredom in the dungeons of the state, probably one of the hardest things for anyone to do there!

to raise awareness via propaganda, letter writing campaigns, protests and so forth (like the poorly attended one for Gary Hayes, during his trial last year, and the excellent, but ultimately ineffective-due to lack of consistent follow through- for Shannon Ewart in Melbourne last year.) about the injustice, cruelty and torture perpetrated by the state and it's agents.

Participating in this type of struggle, and often onerous work is an important realisation of solidarity which we should all take part in, as the safety and security of all of us is not ensured when even one of us is oppressed, tortured, humiliated, deprived of even the pathetic rudiments of freedom tolerated by the borgoise elites, and their petit borgoise lackys.

Remember, it could be you, the crimes many of these people are either not real crimes, merely illegal, or worse they have been framed by a corrupt and hypocritcal system- can you see yourself getting the same treatment for lieing on your dole or tax form as the mp in melbourne recently. The judge tld him that he did " a very silly thing" and sent him on his way, for nicking about $900 of govt. money. What about the woman who turned herself in earlier this year for claiming too much rent assistance, she wanted to come clean and pay it all back; hard shit for her, she ended up doing time for that mistake (I read about it in the S M H). She ended up all alone , cut off from the basic

necessities of a decent life, by a maze of concrete walls, iron bars, intimidation, uncaring and oft times brutal cops, a system of lies and deceit, power embodied in the courts, the media, parliament and corporate boardrooms. How will you feel when your time comes, as the gap between the have's and have nots gets wider; the wall between the included and excluded higher. This is real , it is the ugly fist of the state, with the media and a whole bunch of other tricks providing it the smooth velvet glove of friendly fascism, a creeping living death, that sucks us dry and shits us out again .

Solidarity isn't something nice we do in our spare time, it is an act of survival that binds our communities and gives them the strength to face today with the knowledge that, our lives are ours to live as we please; no matter what some dumb arse judge says, or slimey talk-back radio creep bores us with. As many Anarchists have said, their is no life, no happiness outside solidarity and society.

viva la anarchie, ABC sydney 5.30 am 27th oct. 1994

(or is that ABCD :- ABC downunder!)

BUT WHY ME?! I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!
LET THIS BE A LESSON TO YOU, YOUNG MAN -- WE'RE JUDGED BY THE COMPANY WE KEEP
BESIDES, ARBITRARY PUNISHMENT IS A PREROGATIVE OF POWER

JURA NEWS

I thought I,d do this one room-by-room. Let's start with UPSTAIRS at 110 Crystal. Mark Meguire has recently secured his printing press loan and so will set up and publish Rebel Worker from there on the new state-of-the-art machine. The quality of the machine will mean the images and typeface will be clearer, but it's message will be just as clear as always. Good luck!

On Sept. 17th a joint meeting was held between Jura Books, Black Rose Books and Holus Bolus, [and Black Star from Melb. ed.], the Adelaide crew never showed at all despite them being the main reason initially [they approached us months ago for help in setting up a new shop as well, with money but no experience- that's 6 to 7 @ bookshops in Australia potentially. ed.]. We met to discuss ways of mutual help, regarding book ordering etc. It was agreed that using E-mail on the computers in the MEDIA ROOM, Jura, for example could order books, from the other stores if they were short of certain titles, and vice-versa. This should speed things up for customers of all the stores, bring some joy to those looking for elusive books and improve the finances of all shops involved.

Moving forward into the SHOPFRONT we find a great deal of phone calls and lengthy chats o/s have been made to try and get the Oz distro. for Left Bank Book distro. At the time of writting, the situation looks quite promising. If Jura gets it, this will have positive implications for all the other shops, and the Anarchist movement in general. For the protagonist of this project, Graham Purchase, we extend our appreciation.

Other than the Spring blooming taking place in the GARDEN out the back, that about covers the whole building. We hope to have some summer barbeques in the floral garden soon and until then I,ll see you 'round.

Haron
Jura collective.

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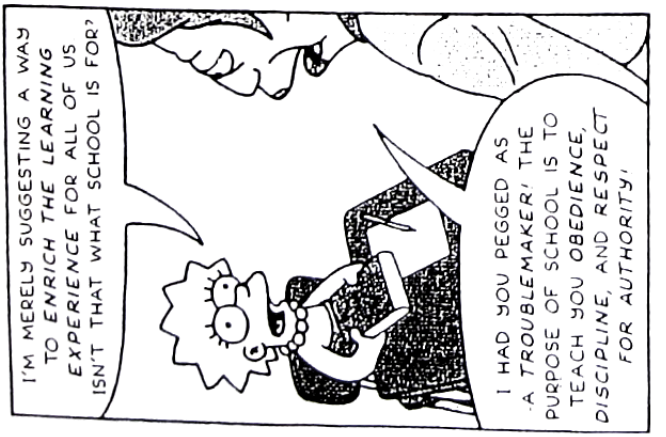
New releases at Jura...

books

- Against the God-Emperor by *S.Anarchowic-$2.00*
- Conquest of Paradise (h/b) by *KirkpatrickSale* $18.00
  Christopher Columbus and the Columbian legacy.
- Art and Society *by W.Morris*-$17.00
- The final Empire. *by Cotke* -$26.60
  Hippie Bio regionalism
- New Money for Healthy Communities *byT.H.Greco*-$20.00
- The Philosophical @ism of William Godwin *by J.P.Clarck*-$22.20
- Influences *by C.Ward* $16.00 essays.
- My Journey with Aristotle to the @ist Utopia. *by G.Purchasse* $5.95
- Anarchism and Environmental Survival. *by G.Purchase.* $12.00
- Anarchist Studies Vol 2 no. 1. $12.00
- Red Blood of the Land. *by Rex Weyler* $18.00
  The Govt. and Corp. war against the First Nations.
- Eco-Socialism. *by D.Pepper* $28.00

journals

- Libertarian Labour review #17 $15.00
- Jump Cut Media Review #39 $6.00
- The State issues #1-#5 $3.95ea


I'M MERELY SUGGESTING A WAY TO ENRICH THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL OF US ISN'T THAT WHAT SCHOOL IS FOR?
I HAD YOU PEGGED AS A TROUBLEMAKER! THE PURPOSE OF SCHOOL IS TO TEACH YOU OBEDIENCE, DISCIPLINE, AND RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY!

contacts

Please inform us if any are wrong or inappropriate

AABCC Aust Anti-Bases Campaign Coalition , PO Box A899 Sydney South 2000 , 267 2772,

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Watch Committee , PO Box 65 Broadway 2007. , 660 6253, 264 9895 , 1st & 3rd Thurs month 6pm Newtown Neighbourhood Centre.

Abortion Action Campaign; , Women's Liberation House, 63 Palace St, Petersham , 569 3819 , PO Box E233 St James 2000

AETA (Aust East Timor Assoc) , 1st Wed of month 6.30pm Leichardt Town Hall, Norton St. , contact Stephen 331 5986,

AKSI Indonesian Solidarity Action , P.O.Box K717 Haymarket , 690 1977,

Alfalfa House Food Co-op; No chemicals, packaging, profit, 113 Enmore Rd Enmore , 519 3374,

Angry People Newsletter , c/- Box 1, 583a King St, Newtown, ,

Animal Liberation, 212 6253, 3rd Mon/month 6:30pm suite 509, 410 Elizabeth st Surry Hills,

Black Rose Anarchist Bookshop , 583a King St Newtown , 519 9194,

Bougainville Support Group, , , 1st Mon of month at Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, contact Vicki: 264 5790 or Moses Haveni: 804 7602,

Brisbane Anarchist Bookshop, newsletter etc , PO Box 558 Sth Brisbane 4101 , 07 252 1950,

CARPET (Coalition Against Repressive Police Equip & Training) , PO Box 222 Fitzroy 3065, ,

CAT TV Lefty - Anarcho community TV group , PO Box 636 Newtown 2042, ,

CEFTAA (Campaign Exposing Frame-ups and Targetting Abuses of Authority) [Now called Justice Action] , 3rd floor 391 Sussex st Haymarket , Each Wed 6:30pm , 281 5100

CISLAC (Committee In Solidarity with Latin America & the Caribbean) , 4th Tues of month 6.30pm , PO Box A431 Sydney South. , Contact Maria: 790 3093

EYA (Environmental Youth Alliance) , PO Box R1240 Sydney 2000 , 1st & 3rd Sat of month 499 Elizabeth st Surry Hills , 690 1269, 319 5029

Free Public Transport Group , PO Box 400 Broadway 2007 , 664 1425,

Fretilin (East Timor) , 823 2769 / , PO Box 74 Bonnyrigg 2177 , 610 1269

Jura Books , 110 Crystal St Petersham , 550 9931,

MAUM (Movement Against Uranium Mining) , PO Box K133 Haymarket 2000 , Suite 8 134 Broadway , 212 4538

Paddlers for Peace , contact Jenny: 550 7730, ,

People against Vivisection Inc , PO Box 103 Wentworth Falls 2782 , 047 57 3339,

PIECES (People Initiating Education Campaigns Eliminating Sexism) , contact Wendy / Brigitte: 8057730, ,

PNG Action Group , each Thurs 5.30pm at Green Spot Activist Resource centre, Green Books 94 Liverpool St City , Ph SRAG 261 2104,

Radio Graffitti Anarchist radio program , , ,

Radio Skid Row 88.9 FM , Hut 24 Addison Rd Community Centre Marrickville , 550 9552,

Rebel Worker newsletter , PO Box 92 Broadway 2007, ,

Unemployed Peoples Embassy , every Wed, 2pm St Peters Town Hall, Swain St , 557 3799,

Vibe Tribe , PO Box 691 Newtown 2042, ,

Women's Library , 73 Garden St Alexandria , Open Tues-Fri 11am-8pm ; Sat, Sun 11am-5pm, 319 0529

WOT'S OM

3-4 Nov Celebration of the eclipse Rosebank, NNsw
4-8 Nov Forest Embassy Parliament,Canberra
5 Nov East Timor Cultural Day 2pm seminar + 6.30pm play "One Minute of Silence" 8232769
5 Nov Launch of "Wildlife in Newtown" by Colleen Burke 3pm Courthouse Hotel, 5573248
6 Nov Amnesty picnic day 1pm Engineering Lawns,Uni of Sydney
10 Nov "Other Side of the Miracle",CAA dinner with Walden Bello & Seri Phongphit 7.30 pm 2641399
11-27 Nov "Quito" opera on life of Francesco Pires 3649457
12 Nov Dili Massacre anniversary Noon St Marys to Town Hall
13 Nov Newtown Festival: +Vibe Tribe technotent, 11am-7pm Camperdown Memorial Park
18 Nov Festy Rave, (two days) Hawkesbury River
30 Nov AETA meeting 6.30pm Leichhardt Town Hall
7 Dec Indonesian invasion of Timor anniversary, Indonesian Embassy, Canberra
11 Dec Anarchist Pow Wow, Noon, 35 Dickson St newtown
19-26 Jan Chomsky's tour of OZ
20-22 Jan Visions of Freedom conference